

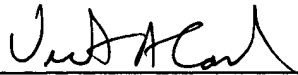
REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 13, were amended, and new claims 15-20 were added to eliminate multiple dependencies, to bring the form thereof into compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and U.S. patent law, and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. No new matter was added.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 13. New claims 15-20 have not been duplicated. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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Claims:

1. **(Amended)** An [Interface] interface plate (1) [intended] adapted to be secured to the upper face of a ski [and capable of] for accommodating a [the] toe piece and a [the] heel piece of a safety binding, wherein said interface plate comprises [characterized in that it has] a longitudinal recess forming a slideway (9) capable of holding projecting parts (30) situated under the toe piece and under the heel piece, while allowing the toe piece and the heel piece to slide inside the slideway, [with a view to] for adjusting the binding to a [the] length of a [the] boot, and [in which the] wherein profiles (10, 11; 12, 13) of [the] zones of the slideway (9) respectively holding the toe piece and the heel piece are substantially geometrically identical.

4. **(Amended)** Interface plate according to Claim 3, [characterized in that it has] further comprising lateral portions directed downwards and intended to engage [interact with] the ski.

5. **(Amended)** Interface plate according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the slideway includes at least one region located in [the] a zone (2, 3) accommodating the toe piece or the heel piece, [the] said region forming a rack (28) with which means for longitudinally adjusting the toe piece or the heel piece interact.

10. **(Amended)** Interface plate according to Claim 1, wherein [characterized in that] the slideway is interrupted in a [the] central area of the plate, so that the [latter] plate includes two slideways which have [the] a same geometrical profile and are arranged in alignment with one another.

11. **(Amended)** Interface plate according to Claim 1, characterized in that it is formed by two individual plates (41, 42) respectively accommodating the toe piece and the heel piece, [the] said individual plates (41, 42) being joined by a connecting portion (43).

13. *(Amended)* Assembly comprising a toe piece, a heel piece and an interface plate according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it also] wherein said assembly comprises means for moving the toe piece and the heel piece simultaneously and in an [the] opposite direction relative to each other when the binding is being adjusted to the length of the boot.

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